

# COAL PRICES MAY MAKE STILL FURTHER ADVANCE

Local Dealers Are Becoming Apprehensive as to Ability to Get Shipments.

EFFECT OF CAR SHORTAGE

Scarcity of Labor Prevents Operation of Mines to Full Capacity, and Activity of Business Causes Increased Consumption in Manufacturing.

Grave fear is felt by local coal men that not only will the present high price of coal continue, but a further advance is virtually certain, and with the demand for steam coal increasing all precedents, coal men say there is every prospect of a real famine in the bituminous product this winter. The situation is attributed yesterday to three main causes: heavy demand, labor trouble and the car shortage.

In Richmond prices of all coal, with the exception of steam coal, have advanced 50 cents per ton over the prices in force during the summer period, while there has been a large increase in steam coal prices. This grade of fuel is now selling at from \$3.75 to \$3.85 at the mines, as compared with a normal price of \$1.50 to \$1.85, with the producers finding difficulty in obtaining supplies even at these prices. Ninety days ago, a well-known coal man said yesterday, steam coal could be purchased at the mines for from \$1.25 to \$1.50.

While other cities of the country are experiencing a shortage in anthracite coal also, the local market is said to be in fairly good condition, steam coal giving the dealers the greatest anxiety. The situation has reached a stage in this city that consumers are outbidding each other to secure the fuel, with the result that prices are varying, and the dealers finding difficulty in supplying the demand.

**SHORTAGE AT MINES**

AND IN COAL YARDS

Retail prices quoted in Richmond yesterday were: anthracite, \$3.50; run of the mines, \$3.75; Pocahontas, washed, \$4.75; washed, pea, \$5.25; split, \$5.75. There exists a shortage at the mines and small stocks at the yard trade. This condition, reports say, extends over the entire country, the shortage being more acute in the West than in the Eastern States, which at present are said to have the smallest coal supply in the eastern section.

One of the largest wholesale dealers in Richmond quoted steam coal yesterday afternoon at \$2.50 per ton at the mines in the Kanawha district, and said that he was having trouble in obtaining the demand. To this must be added freight costs, which are about \$1.50 per ton from that section. This company said that there was no New River steam coal available yesterday.

This condition was attributed directly to the shortage of cars, although the labor problem is a considerable factor in the mining districts, it was stated. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway is handling a heavy tonnage of coal through Richmond from West Virginia, and other Southern roads tapping the coal sections are also handling record-breaking movements.

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Operators are laboring under two difficulties—getting enough labor to work the mines and getting cars with which to make shipments of coal. Several railroads have established virtual embargoes in some sections, and even without embargoes cars can hardly be obtained. To the unprecedented demands of industry is attributed the shortage.

Industrial plants are operating in many cases, night and day, and this has consumed an enormous amount of fuel. With the approaching cold weather, the demand is growing stronger, and operators are being overwhelmed with business, many of which they cannot accept. This is the season when the household lays in its winter supply, and facing an advancing price and a short supply, the household has become "feverish" for deliveries.

## TRAINING SCHOOL DRAWS BIGGEST MONDAY CROWD

Largest Enrollment in History Marks Opening of Sessions for Baptist Sunday-School Workers.

The first regular session of the Baptist Training School for Sunday-School Workers witnessed the largest attendance and enrollment for Monday in its history. All of the classes were largely attended, and the congregation at the evening Bible hour packed the main auditorium of the First Baptist Church.

Richard T. Wyche gave instruction in the principles of story telling, and illustrated the theory by practice. Dr. John R. Sampey, regarded as a master teacher of the Scriptures, covered, in an illuminating and inspiring way, four chapters of the Gospel of St. John.

The work of Professor Beavell, Miss Forbes, the Watts brothers, Professor Gaines and Mr. Saunders received enthusiastically by the largest classes ever seen in Richmond, and they are expected to be even larger to-day.

The schedule this afternoon follows: 2:30—"The Home Department," Miss Forbes. 4:30—"The Epic of Paul," R. T. Wyche. 5:15—Normal classes in five departments. 6:15—Lunch and officers' conference. 7:15—Normal classes in six departments. 8:15—Bible lecture, "The Gospel of John," Dr. Sampey.

**Six Men Vote by Mail.**

Between Saturday afternoon and yesterday afternoon Assistant Postmaster Ross Southward voted six men who will not be at home on election day. Absent voters received their certificates from the registrars at home, are sworn in and then are permitted to vote. The ballot is then sealed and forwarded to the proper registrar. A complete description of the voter is taken to prevent fraud.

**Dr. Justis Here.**

Dr. Lywood H. Justis, of Hansford, W. Va., is the guest here for a few days of his brother, Dr. W. Justis. Dr. Justis, who is connected with the Shelters Arms Hospital in Hansford, recently lost his wife, who was Miss Eliza Otey, of Montvale.

## To-Day and To-Night in Richmond

Council Committee on Claims, City Hall, 8 o'clock.

Council Committee on Public Buildings, Properties and Utilities, 8 o'clock.

Southern Sociological Congress, exhibit Grays Armory, 10 A. M. to 10 P. M.

Railroad Y. M. C. A., Tuesday Club, address by Dr. Douglas S. Sherman, on "When Will the War End?" 1 P. M.

Children's Home Society of Virginia, get-together conference, Y. W. C. A., 4 P. M.

Rotary Club, address by C. J. Atkinson, Business Men's Club, 6:30 o'clock.

Centenary Methodist Church, meeting of women, address by Miss Mary E. Brown, 4 o'clock.

Bible—"Keep Moving"; matinee, 2:30 o'clock, 8:30.

Loyals—Populists, vaudeville; matinee, 3 o'clock, 7:30 and 9.

## The Weather

(Furnished by U. S. Weather Bureau.)

**Forecast:** Virginia—Fair Tuesday and Wednesday, except probably rain Wednesday near the coast.

North Carolina—Fair Tuesday; Wednesday, fair west, probably rain east portion.

**Local Temperature.**

12 noon temperature, 60.

3 P. M. temperature, 63.

Maximum temperature to 8 P. M., 63.

Minimum temperature to 8 P. M., 49.

Average temperature, 57.

Normal temperature, 57.

Deficiency in temperature since January 1, 1916, 12.

Deficiency in temperature since January 1, 1915, 339.

Accumulated deficiency since January 1, 1914, 194.

**Local Rainfall.**

Rainfall last twenty-four hours, None.

Deficiency in rainfall since March 1, 1916, 1.74.

Deficiency in rainfall since January 1, 1915, 2.73.

## CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

Place	S. P. M.	High	Low	Weather
Ashville	52	66	44	Clear
Atlanta	52	65	43	Clear
Atlantic City	54	56	46	P. cloudy
Boston	50	60	42	Clear
Baltimore	52	60	42	Clear
Buffalo	52	58	40	Clear
Charlotte	52	68	50	Clear
Chicago	48	56	40	P. cloudy
Denver	28	30	20	Show.
Dayton	52	60	42	Clear
Indianapolis	52	60	42	Clear
Jacksonville	52	60	42	Clear
Kansas City	44	52	38	Rain
Louisville	50	66	44	Clear
Memphis	50	60	42	Clear
New Orleans	50	62	44	Clear
New York	54	56	44	Clear
Philadelphia	52	60	42	P. cloudy
Pittsburgh	52	62	42	Clear
Raleigh	56	64	42	Clear
St. Louis	52	60	42	Cloudy
St. Paul	38	40	22	Clear
San Francisco	64	72	50	Clear
Savannah	52	60	42	Clear
Spokane	54	58	48	Cloudy
Tampa	58	60	52	Clear
Washington	58	60	48	Clear
Wichita	48	50	28	Clear

## MINIATURE ALMANAC.

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## MANY DELINQUENTS

Collector Says 20,000 Men Have Failed to Pay Poll Taxes for 1911-12.

There are 20,000 men in Richmond who have failed to pay their poll taxes for years of 1911-12, according to L. R. Hancock, recently named by Judge D. C. Richardson, of the Hustings Court, as collector of delinquent poll taxes, in accordance with an act passed by the last Legislature.

Mr. Hancock has opened an office in Room 421, Old Dominion Trust Building, Ninth and Main Streets. He has appointed four deputies, one for each ward. He proposes to have two visits paid to each delinquent, with requests for the payment of the back taxes, and, if these efforts fail, he will then proceed according to law.

## Conference on Child Welfare.

Under the auspices of the Children's Home Society of Virginia, a get-together conference on child welfare will be held this afternoon at the Young Woman's Christian Association Building, at 4 o'clock.

The public is invited, especially all women interested in the care and treatment of dependent children.



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## WILSON FUND CLOSES ON SATURDAY NIGHT

Time Is Drawing Short for Democrats to Do Their Part to Aid Campaign.

NEEDED IN DOUBTFUL STATES

Traveling Man Sends With His Contribution Strong Letter Setting Forth Why Wilson Should Be Re-Elected.

At the beginning of the week when the campaign for funds conducted by the National Democratic Committee through the columns of The Times-Dispatch comes to a close, the paper announces that the total amount of contributions through this paper from administration supporters in Virginia and North Carolina has reached the sum of \$1,129.60, an amount which shows, in gratifying measure, the loyalty of the voters of the two States to the President and their wish that he be returned to power for another term.

The Times-Dispatch urges those who have not yet contributed to this fund, and who wish to do so, to send in their contributions at once, since the paper will close its campaign for funds on Saturday night, in time to send a certified list of contributors to the National Democratic Committee, which, under the election laws, is required to have filed a list of the names of those who have furnished monetary aid in the furthering of the campaign.

## STYLES "TAFT-DEMOCRATS" AS INEXHAUSTIBLE FREAKS

With his contribution of \$5, R. C. Wright, traveling representative in Richmond of the Southern Manufacturing Company, yesterday sent the following letter:

To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch: Sir,—Inclosed please find check for \$5. I wish to avail myself of the privilege of contributing to the Wilson Democratic campaign fund, and hope it will be used to reimburse some of the loyal members of our organization who have made the noble sacrifices of both time and talent in bringing out every success in the November election.

We have had some inexplicable developments in this campaign, the chief of which is the reluctance or hesitancy of some heartily to support our great President. Why are they blind to the beneficial legislation to which we are due our lasting gratitude for the most unimpaired prosperity in the world's history, and this prosperity equally distributed. To be honorably saved from the greatest catastrophe of human slaughter on record, if we admitted every single claim of the opposition.

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Please keep up your good work in the publications.

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## DU PONT PLANT EMPLOYEE ATTACKED AND ROBBED

Man Tells Police He Was Seized and Dragged Into Stable in Petersburg.

PETERSBURG, Va., October 23.—Daniel Jenkins, an employee at the Du Pont plant, reported at the police station yesterday that he had been assaulted and robbed of his watch and chain, \$26 in money and his wage check. He stated that late on Saturday night, while passing through College Alley on his way to Sycamore and Wythe Streets to catch a car to Hopeville, he was seized by the throat and dragged into a stable, where he was knocked down and robbed. He did not receive consciousness until Sunday morning. He showed a cut and bruised upper lip and a broken tooth as evidence of a blow he had received. A man at the stable, who was arrested on suspicion.

## Every Member Canvass.

A committee of High Street Methodist Episcopal Church, appointed for the purpose of making a canvass of the families of the congregation, started out on that work yesterday afternoon, and the course of a few hours visited 254 families, leaving only eight not seen.

## Fine and Imprisonment.

In the Police Court this morning J. R. Parker and Mrs. Parker were adjudged guilty of selling liquor without a license, and each was fined \$50. In addition, Parker was sentenced to jail for ninety days and Mrs. Parker for twenty days. Both were fined and given terms of imprisonment some time ago on a similar charge. Mrs. Parker paid her fine and served her time in jail, but Parker appealed. From the court's sentence today both noted appeals.

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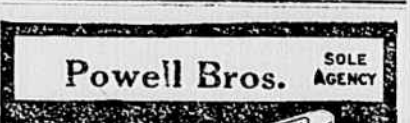
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Sloan's Liniment at all drug stores in 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottles.

## How To Get Rid Of Catarrh, Catarrhal Deafness or Head Noises

If you have catarrh, catarrhal deafness or head noises caused by catarrh, or if phlegm drops in your throat and has caused catarrh of the stomach or bowels, you will be glad to know that these distressing symptoms can be effectively overcome in many instances by the following treatment, which you can easily prepare in your own home at little cost. Secure from your druggist this will not cost you more than 25c.

Take this home and add to it 1/2 pint of hot water and 4 ounces of granulated sugar, stir until dissolved. Take one tablespoonful four times a day. A noted improvement is sometimes noted after the first day's treatment. Breathing becomes easy, while the distressing head noises, headache, dizziness, cloudy thinking, etc., gradually disappear under the tonic action of the treatment. Loss of smell, taste, defective hearing and mucus dropping in the back of the throat are other symptoms which suggest the presence of catarrh and which are often overcome by this efficacious treatment. Nearly ninety per cent of all ear troubles are said to be directly caused by catarrh, therefore, there must be many people whose hearing can be restored by this simple home treatment.—Adv.



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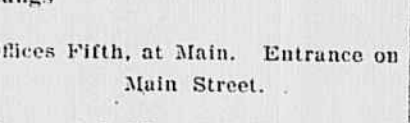
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